

Summer 2007 July ♦ August ♦ September

OUTDOORS

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



A Quarterly Calendar of Events & Programs published by the National Park Service

The OUTDOORS is your guide to the programs and events occurring within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System. Dedicated staff and volunteers, from the following partner agencies and organizations, help open doors and provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

Participating Partners

AASMM	Allied Artists, Santa Monica Mountains	310-457-9130
CCD	Cold Creek Docents	818-591-1701
CMPRD	City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept	310-317-1364
CNI	The Children's Nature Institute	310-860-9484
CNPS	California Native Plant Society	818-348-5910
CORBA	Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn	818-773-3555
CRPD	Conejo Recreation & Park District	805-495-2163
CSP	California State Parks	818-880-0350
CW	Coastwalk	310-394-2799
FORC	Friends of Runyon Canyon	323-666-5004
LADPR	County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation	213-738-2961
LANABA	L.A. Chapter of the North American Butterfly Assn	310-454-4279
MCD	Malibu Creek Docents	818-889-6238
MLMD	Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents	310-456-8432
MRCA	Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	310-858-7272
MRT	Mountains Restoration Trust	818-591-1701
NOWW	The Nature of Wildworks	310-455-0550
NPS	National Park Service	805-370-2301
RCDSMM	Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns	818-597-8627
SC	Sierra Club	213-387-4287
SFVAS	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society	310-457-5796
SFVGP	San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch	818-996-3606
SMBAS	Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society	310-393-6205
SMMC	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	310-589-3200
SMMF	Santa Monica Mountains Fund	805-370-2341
SMMNHA	Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association	805-488-1827
SMMTC	Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council	818-222-4531
SRSMMR	UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	310-206-3887
TCA	Temescal Canyon Association	310-459-5931
TCD	Topanga Canyon Docents	310-455-1696
TOPAW	Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists	805-494-1700
TP	TreePeople	818-753-4600
WODOC	William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom	310-858-7272x131
WRD	Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents	310-454-8212

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LEGEND

FREE SERVICE



This symbol indicates programs that can be accessed via ParkLINK.

To find out more how to enjoy the recreation area using the shuttle:

1-888-734-2323

www.parklinkshuttle.com



Time - If a *single time* is listed, the program begins at that time and lasts for the number of hours indicated. If a *span of time* is listed, you may attend the program any time within those hours.

Location - Directions are found on pages 18 and 23. *Between these pages and in the center of the publication is a map of the national recreation area. These pages may be removed together for easy reference.*

Reservation/Program Fee - Will be indicated if required. *Note: A parking fee may be required at some park sites.*

hrs - abbreviation for 'hours' for the length of the program.

Acronym of Sponsoring Partner - See the facing page for a list of participating partners and phone numbers to call for further information.

You may also contact:

National Park Service Visitor Center 805-370-2301
401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks CA 91360

Hours: Daily, 9am to 5pm Closed on some holidays.

Or visit us at www.nps.gov/samo

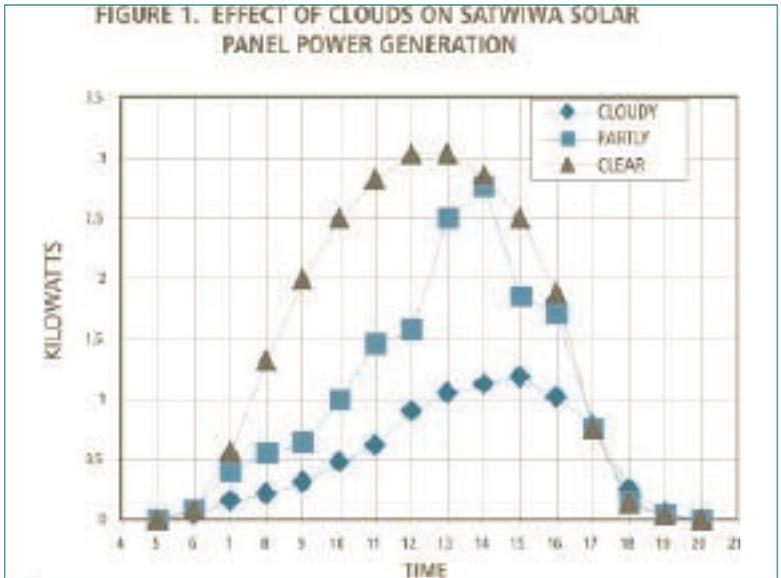
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Visit the Santa Monica Mountains Fund website at www.samofund.org

Inside Story

The National Park Service is committed to the use of clean, renewable energy practices throughout the park. Renewable energy is the term used to describe power that comes from sources that are easily replaced and limitless. Each minute, enough sunlight reaches the Earth's surface to meet the world's energy demand for an entire year.

At the *Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*, we are steadfast toward walking lightly on Mother Earth. On the roof you will notice solar panels. These panels directly convert solar energy to electrical energy. The panels are 310 square feet in area. They generate around 6,000 kwh per year – what a typical California single family residence consumes annually. The power generated fully meets, and in fact slightly exceeds, the amount of electricity needed to run this building.

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The chart above shows that, on a clear day, the power generated increases as the sun rises in the sky and peaks at noon when the sun's rays are most direct on the panels. During a cloudy day, the power generation may be reduced by more than half but power continues to be generated.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

J
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SUN 7/1 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. Info: 310-455-1401
3hrs SC

GILLETTE RANCH

(formerly Soka University)

Open to the Public
Starting July 1st

Guided Hikes, Family Programs, Mansion and Grounds Tours

Check out
www.LAMountains.com
for a listing of upcoming interpretive programs, dates, and times or call

310-858-7272 x131

Temescal Canyon Association
Tuesday Evening Hikes

July 3 to August 14
Meet at 6pm at Temescal Gateway Park (NW corner of Sunset Blvd and Temescal Canyon Rd) for 3 to 5 mile long hike in our local parkland. 2 to 3 hours

www.temcanyon.org

TUE 7/3 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Pier-to-Pier Beach Walk Return via canals on an 8-mile roundtrip walk to Marina del Rey. Meet at parking lot north of Santa Monica Pier (free parking with Santa Monica Senior Pass). Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for brunch. Info: 310-398-6350. 4hrs SC

SAT 7/7 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Tree Restoration/ Commemorative Oaks
Remove non-native plants. Water oak tree seedlings and native bunch grasses so they can survive this drought year. Community service credit. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701x203. 3hrs CSP/MRT

Mask Exhibit

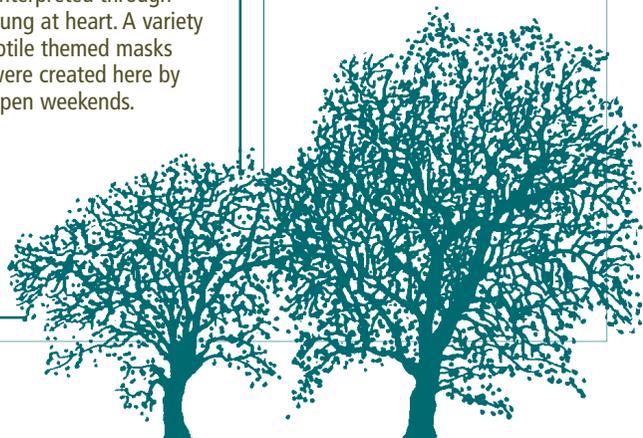
July 1 thru September 30

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

View the **Faces of Nature** as interpreted through the eyes of children and the young at heart. A variety of animal, plant, insect, and reptile themed masks inspired by the natural world were created here by visitors to Satwiwa. Center is open weekends.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK
SERVICE



California State Parks

July Schedule of Events



Leo Carrillo State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Sundays, 10am (Starting 7/8)

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger or naturalist to explore this park. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10am

Junior Rangers Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program designed especially for you! Meet at the campground entrance station. 1 hour

Saturdays, 8pm (Program on 7/7 begins at 7:30pm)

Campfire Program Join a ranger or special guest for a fun and informative program by the campfire! 1 hour

Point Mugu State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am

Junior Rangers Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program designed especially for you! Meet at Sycamore Canyon campground entrance station. 1 hour

Saturdays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger or naturalist to explore Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the entrance station 1 hour



Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.
Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am for a one-hour tour. FEE

SAT 7/7 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
WODOC and the Movies
See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/7 5:30pm

Cold Creek Preserve
First Saturday in Cold Creek Valley Preserve Delight in late afternoon lights, colors and shadows in a gently rolling basin set among craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD

SAT 7/7 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Meditations in the Mountains Heighten your awareness while connecting with the spirit of Franklin Canyon on peaceful guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothing and bring bottled water. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/7 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. *Mountain bike and helmet required. Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 7/7 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Silent Night Walk Enjoy a moderate to strenuous walk and expand your wilderness awareness skills on a wordless journey. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/7 7:30pm

Leo Carrillo State Park
Wild In California The *Nature of Wildworks* presents live birds, mammals and reptiles in this close encounter with local wildlife. 1hr NOWW

SUN 7/8 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed Wars Wastrels of the weed world are terminated by weed warriors (community service credit). *Reservations required* 818-348-5910. 5hrs CSP/CNPS

SUN 7/8 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 7/8 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 7/10 9am

Solstice Canyon
Moderate Hikers Join us on a 7-mile loop hike (shorter option), with 200' gain, to Roberts Ranch, Deer Valley, and ocean views. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-822-6848 3.5hrs SC

TUE 7/10 7pm

Headwaters Corner
San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch Meeting Investigate photographing gourds such as digital vs. film and daylight vs. artificial light. Bring your photos for feedback. Info: *gourds@mac.com* or 818-996-3606. 2hrs SFVGP

WED 7/11 9am

Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting All outdoor landscape painters are welcome to join fellow artists. Bring your own materials and paint or come out and watch. Info: call Soni at 818-880-5961. 4hrs TOPAW

WED 7/11 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin Family Campfire Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



FREE Sunday Concerts In The Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch



July 8, 3pm - 5pm
Fur Dixon and Steve Werner and Friends

Join these California folk favorites for spectacular harmonies, awesome guitar picking, and old and new traveling songs that are sure to please young and old alike.

See Free Concerts at:
www.topanganbanjofiddle.org
 or call 818-382-4819



SAT 7/14 8am

Headwaters Corner
Dry Canyon Creek Habitat Restoration Join the community effort to restore a headwater ecosystem of the LA River. Earn school service hours. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x205. 3hrs MRT

SAT 7/14 9am

Cold Creek Preserve
Second Saturday See summer wildflowers on this leisurely 2-mile walk through the canyon on an oak-canopied trail. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS

SAT 7/14 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program "Reptiles and Amphibians" Children age 8-12 can learn the difference between reptiles and amphibians. See these critters, do a related craft, and enjoy a guest speaker. *FEE. Pre-registration required* 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

SAT 7/14 10am

 *Solstice Canyon*
Artists' Paint-out Enjoy the cool canyon shade and meet other artists painting plein air. All media welcome. Meet in parking area. Bring art supplies, water and food. Info: 310-338-0333. 3hrs AASMM



SAT 7/14 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Jean Clemens Birthday Bird Walk Mark Twain's youngest daughter Jean, was born 127 years ago this month. She was a passionate bird and nature watcher. See nature through her surprisingly modern eyes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/14 7:30p-8:30p

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Evening Campfire Program Hear stories, sing songs, and learn local area history from Chumash storyteller Julie Tumamait-Stenslie. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome. NPS Info: 805-370-2301.

SAT 7/14 7:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Wild In California The *Nature of Wildworks* presents live birds, mammals and reptiles in this close encounter with local wildlife. 1hr NOWW

SUN 7/15 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS



Silents Under the Stars

SUNDAY July 15 8pm

Classic silent movies

The Kid Brother (1927)

starring **Harold Lloyd** and **Jobyna Ralston**.

Harold of Hickoryville, the bashful son of a country sheriff, is forced to defend the family name when caught in a plot concocted by the unscrupulous members of a traveling medicine show.

Paramount Ranch

\$6 FEE. 1.5 - 2 hours. For more info: 805-370-2301

Sponsored by the National Park Service & the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc.

TUE 7/17 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Temescal Canyon Park This is an 8-mile, 1600' gain hike to Temescal Canyon Park and Will Rogers State Park. Meet at end of Bienvenida Av (0.6 mile west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd) Bring lunch and water. Info: 310-398-6350. 4hrs SC



TUE 7/17 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Mountain Lions in Los Angeles Dr. Ray Sauvajot, National Park Service wildlife ecologist, will discuss his work monitoring the mountain lions that live in the wild areas surrounding Los Angeles. Meet at Temescal Woodland Dining Hall. \$5 parking fee. Info: 310-454-1395 x118 or visit www.LAMountains.com. 1.5hrs MRCA

WED 7/18 9am

Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting All outdoor landscape painters are welcome to join fellow artists. Bring your own materials, and paint or come out and watch. Info: call Soni at 818-880-5961. 4hrs TOPAW

WED 7/18 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin Family Campfire Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

THU 7/19 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Reviving the Feminine Ages 12 and up, awaken the feminine spirit inside through communication, movement, ritual and play. Bring a blanket if you like. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

THU 7/19 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Guys are Different in a Wild Kinda Way! Get mud on your boots and dirt under your fingernails. Walk on the wild side on this heart-pumping hike up a steep trail. Be ready to make a difference and reignite your power of influence. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/21 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Meditations in the Mountains Heighten your awareness while connecting with the spirit of Franklin Canyon on peaceful guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothing and bring bottled water. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/21 9:30am



Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS



The Children's Nature Institute

Volunteer Walk Leader Training

July 21-22, 2007

Saturday and Sunday at 10am
Franklin Canyon Ranch

Learn how to lead walks for underprivileged children, parents and teachers as well as families with young children. A \$60 donation is requested. Training is for 7 hours each day

Reservations: 310-860-9484

SAT 7/21 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Plant Adventures Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/21 7:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Evening Bug Hike Kids, search for insects and other creatures on this naturalist-led walk. Bring a flashlight. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 7/22 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 7/22 10am



Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children & Parents This is a special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Call ahead for groups of over 5 kids: 310-393-6205. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 7/22 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Walk On this 2-mile walk, enjoy great views, dip your toes into the bay, look for dolphins and sea lions, and observe native plant recovery after the wildfire. 2hrs CNPS

TUE 7/24 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Santa Monica Stairs Exploratory Hike Join us to count the stairs on this 7-mile, 950' gain, hike from Santa Monica to Inspiration Point in Will Rogers State Park (optional 4-6 mile hike). Meet on Adelaide Drive and 4th St in Santa Monica (1 block north of San Vicente Blvd). Bring water, lunch, and comfortable shoes. Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

WED 7/25 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin Family Campfire Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



Info & Reservations:
818-591-1701 x181

SAT 7/28 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Enjoy the sights and sounds of birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars. No dogs. Meet in parking lot below the nature center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/28 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Wetland Restoration Day Remove yellow star thistle, mustard and other weeds to improve habitats in the La Sierra Preserve (community service credit). Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS

SAT 7/28 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover Native American, cinematic, geological, and historical sites on this docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 7/28 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



We Go ECO!

July 28, 2007

Saturday, 10am-2pm
Solstice Canyon

Hands-on, full of fun, family nature day!

Stop by the Education Shelter to learn more about the wonders of Solstice Canyon.

This program, led by students in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Youth Program, will offer participants the opportunity to make a craft or join in a short discovery hike of the canyon. NPS



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Living a Dream

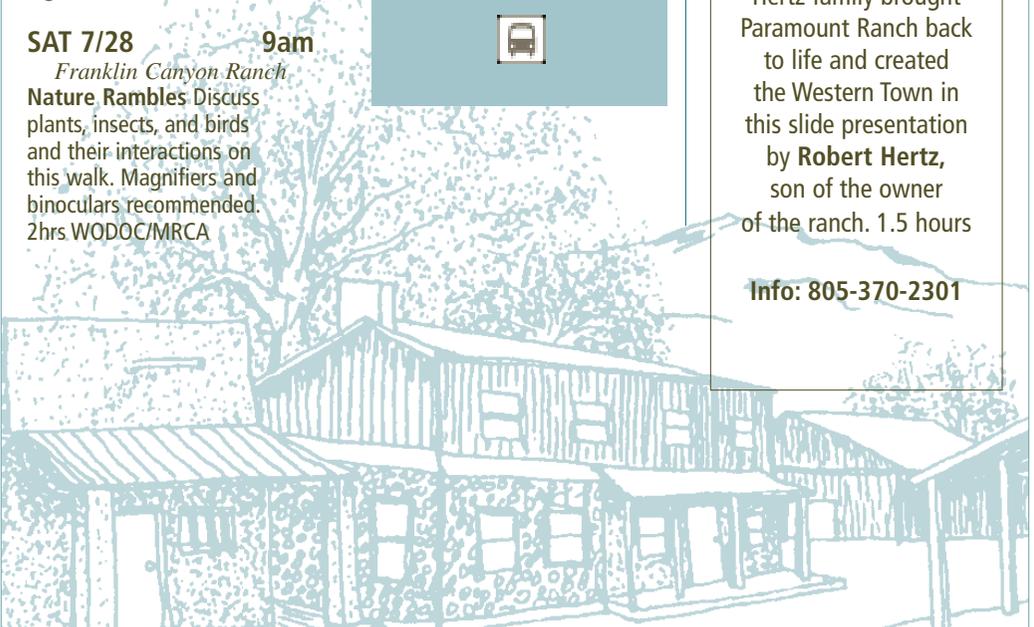
July 28

Saturday, 2pm

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Share in the excitement of how the Hertz family brought Paramount Ranch back to life and created the Western Town in this slide presentation by **Robert Hertz**, son of the owner of the ranch. 1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301



SAT 7/28 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids ages 8 to 88 welcome! 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/28 7:30p-8:30p

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Evening Campfire Program
 Listen to the stories and soothing flute music from Bill "Elk Whistle" Neal. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome. NPS

SUN 7/29 8am

Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Restoration Day
 Restore native plants and California bunch grasses while enjoying summer wildflowers (credit for community service hours). *Reservations required* 818-591-1701x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 7/29 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
The Faces of Franklin Canyon Who were William Mulholland, Sooky Goldman, and other influential faces of this area? 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



Romantic Full Moon Tours

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Thru November tour the Adamson House under a full moon. *FEE. 1.5 hours MLMD*

For Reservations, Dates & Times: 310-456-8432

SUN 7/29 6:15pm

Cold Creek Preserve
Moonrise/Sunset Walk
 Topanga Skyline Ridge Trail, high above Cold Creek and Topanga, commands views of distant mountains. Rock formations speak of the land's history. Meet Top of Stunt with supper, a "goodie" to share, and water. 3hrs MRT

SUN 7/29 7:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy meadows, hills and ocean views under the magic of moonlight. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 7/29 8pm

Coldwater Canyon Park
Full Moon Hike Choice of energy levels and themes for adults and children. After the hike, enjoy entertainment in the amphitheatre. Leashed dogs welcome. *Reservations required* 818-753-4600 or *full-moon@treepeople.org*. \$5 FEE for nonmembers of TreePeople. 1.5hrs TP

MON 7/30 8pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike Explore the canyon by moonlight on a moderately strenuous hike. Look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy a spectacular view of the stars and city from atop the canyon trail. Lots of fun for all ages. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 7/31 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Pier-to-Pier Beach Walk Return via canals on an 8-mile roundtrip walk to Marina del Rey. Meet at parking lot north of Santa Monica Pier (free parking with Santa Monica Senior Pass). Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for brunch. Info: 310-398-6350. 4hrs SC

KIDS AND NATURE

The *UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve* contributes to the **LA Times Kids' Reading by Nine** literacy program.

Articles on plants and animals, with illustrations by children ages 5-12, occur regularly in the *Learning Links* section of the *Kids Reading Room* on-line page: <http://www.latimes.com/features/kids/readingroom/>

To review previous articles: <http://nrs.ucop.edu/reserves/stunt/newsforkids.html>

Up Close

Headed Your Way

The SAMObile is a natural gas/petroleum bi-fuel vehicle. Its fuel sources, however, are only half the story. It is a traveling invitation for visitors to follow its tracks and discover the fascinating stories and interesting places that make this park worth visiting and protecting.



Exterior graphics including a mountain lion "hanging out" in the back seat, a backdrop of the Santa Monica Mountains, and two friendly rangers are only a few hints of what's "HEADED your way."

Stored within the van are interactive exhibits that are portable and easy to assemble for community events and trailhead activities. Each exhibit piece reflects the fun slogans on the exterior. "HEADED your way" is a mountain lion and your roll of the ball determines its fate. "FEETS of Nature" explores amazing plant and animal feats from the "big" feats to the hidden feats beneath our feet. The "TAILgate Party" is a wheel of fortune, revealing how nature can teach us useful ways to interact with our environment, share our natural world, and plan for our future.

A team of six interpretive park rangers at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area brainstormed design concepts and then built and tested prototypes. Most importantly, they asked children, parents, and other visitors what would get them excited about area resources and their future...making the SAMObile, both inside and out, a "TAILgate Party" everyone can join!



WED 8/1 **6:30pm**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin Family Campfire
 Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/4 **9am**

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. *Mountain bike and helmet required. Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 8/4 **10am**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
WODOC and the Movies
 See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.

Reservation required:

310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am for a one-hour tour. FEE

SAT 8/4 **5:30pm**

Cold Creek Preserve
First Saturday in Cold Creek Valley Preserve Delight in late afternoon lights, colors and shadows in a gently rolling basin set among craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD



California State Parks

August Schedule of Events



Leo Carrillo State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Sundays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger or naturalist to explore this park. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10am

Junior Rangers Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program designed especially for you! Meet at the campground entrance station. 1 hour

Saturdays, 8pm (Program on 8/11 begins at 7:30pm)

Campfire Program Join a ranger or special guest for a fun and informative program by the campfire! 1 hour

Point Mugu State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am

Junior Rangers Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program designed especially for you! Meet at Sycamore Canyon campground entrance station. 1 hour

Saturdays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger or naturalist to explore Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the entrance station 1 hour

SAT 8/4

7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Silent Night Walk Enjoy a moderate to strenuous walk and expand your wilderness awareness skills on a wordless journey. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 8/5

8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. Info: 310-455-1401 3hrs SC



SUN 8/5

9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

MON 8/6

8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Meditations in the Mountains Heighten your awareness while connecting with the spirit of Franklin Canyon on peaceful guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothing and bring bottled water. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 8/7

9am

Cold Creek Preserve
Moderate Hikers/Backbone Trail Hike #4 Tapia Park to Saddle Peak Join us on a moderately-paced, 8-mile, 2500' gain one-way hike to Saddle Peak (2,806'). Car shuttle. Meet at Top of Stunt. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

Temescal Canyon Association

Tuesday Evening Hikes

July 3 to August 14

Meet at 6pm at Temescal Gateway Park (NW corner of Sunset Blvd and Temescal Canyon Rd) for 3 to 5 mile long hike in our local parkland. 2 - 3 hours

www.temcanyon.org

TUE 8/7 7pm

Headwaters Corner
San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch Meeting There is no meeting but we will be happy to answer your call. Info: 818-996-3606 or gourds@mac.com. 2hrs SFVGP

WED 8/8 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin Family Campfire Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/11 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Everyday is Earthday Learn ways on this moderately paced hike to be Earth-friendly by remembering the 3 R's of nature, (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle). 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/11 9am

Cold Creek Preserve
Second Saturday Enjoy a leisurely interpretive 2-mile walk. Pass through oak woodlands, wetlands and across a newly configured slope created in the giant slide of 2005. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701x203. Meet at the preserve's lower gate. 3hrs MRT

SAT 8/11 9:30am

 *Malibu Lagoon State Beach*
Malibu Lagoon Family Field Trip Enjoy a family lagoon adventure for youths age 8-12. Explore the importance and preservation of wetlands. Bring binoculars, if you have them, lunch and water. *FEE. Pre-registration required* 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

SAT 8/11 10am

Malibu Nature Preserve
Artists' Paint-out Views of ocean, mountains, and trees are a painter's delight. Bring art supplies, water and food. Meet in parking area. Info: 310-338-0333. Directions: Take Pacific Coast Hwy North past Trancas, past Encinal Canyon Rd. Entrance on right just after Malibu Riding & Tennis sign. 3hrs AASMM



We Go ECO!

August 11, 2007

Saturday, 10am-2pm
Solstice Canyon

Hands-on, full of fun, family nature day! Stop by the Education Shelter to learn more about the wonders of Solstice Canyon. This program, led by students in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Youth Program, will offer participants the opportunity to make a craft or join in a short discovery hike of the canyon. NPS

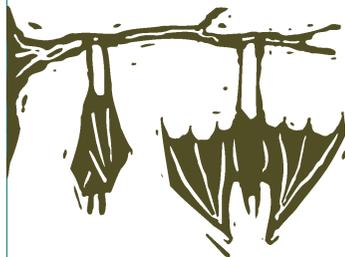


SAT 8/11 6:45pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Charmlee Sunset Hike Enjoy the golden sunlight fading to cool evening blues. Walk to an ocean overlook to watch the sun sink behind the horizon. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 8/11 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Evening Birds and other Creatures of the Night The Canyon is full of activity when the sun goes down. Learn about this hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll around Franklin Canyon Lake. Bring binoculars. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



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SAT 8/11 7:30p-8:30p

*Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center*

Evening Campfire Program

Sing songs and hear stories from gifted Chumash storyteller Sue Diaz. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome. NPS

SAT 8/11 7:30pm

Leo Carrillo State Park

Wild In California *The Nature of Wildworks* presents live birds, mammals and reptiles in this close encounter with local wildlife. 1hr NOWW

SUN 8/12 9am

Solstice Canyon

Weed Wars Work in the shade beside the creek removing English ivy from the trees and terraces of Solstice Canyon (community service credit). *Reservations required* 818-348-5910. 4hrs NPS/CNPS

SUN 8/12 3pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon

An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



FREE

**Sunday Concerts In
The Park**



at Peter Strauss Ranch

August 12, 3pm - 5pm

Sligo Rags

This dynamic ensemble presents Celtic folk with a decidedly bluegrass attitude.

See Free Concerts at:

www.topangabanjofiddle.org
or call 818-382-4819



TUE 8/14 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers Join us on this 8-mile roundtrip, 1500' gain hike from the private Nature Trust Preserve to Nicholas Flat. Meet at Nature Trust parking lot, 33905 Pacific Coast Highway. Info: 310-457-9783. Bring water and lunch. 4hrs SC

WED 8/15 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Franklin Family Campfire

Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

THU 8/16 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Reviving the Feminine Ages 12 and up, awaken the feminine spirit inside through communication, movement, ritual and play. Bring a blanket if you like. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

THU 8/16 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Guys are Different in a Wild Kinda Way!

Get mud on your boots and dirt under your fingernails. Walk on the wild side on this heart-pumping hike up a steep trail. Be ready to make a difference and reignite your power of influence. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/18 **8am**

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Tree Restoration/ Commemorative Oaks
Remove non-native plants. Water oak tree seedlings and native bunch grasses so they can survive this drought year. Community service credit. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701x203. 3hrs CSP/MRT



We Go ECO!

August 18, 2007

Saturday, 10am-1pm
Solstice Canyon

Hands-on, full of fun, family nature day! Stop by the Education Shelter to learn more about the wonders of Solstice Canyon. This program, led by students in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Youth Program, will offer participants the opportunity to make a craft or join in a short discovery hike of the canyon. NPS



SAT 8/18 **10am**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Plant Adventures Discuss plants and animals on a slow hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 8/19 **8am**

Headwaters Corner
Dry Canyon Creek Habitat Restoration Help restore a headwater ecosystem of the LA River. Earn school service hours. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x205. 3hrs MRT

SUN 8/19 **8am**

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 8/19 **10am**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
The Faces of Franklin Canyon Who were William Mulholland, Sooky Goldman, and other influential faces of this area? 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 8/19 **1pm**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Science Sunday Science demonstrations in neutral buoyancy including the Cartesian diver and a thermometer attributed to Galileo. Common household items are used in experiments that children can repeat once the apparatus has been constructed. 1hr WODOC/MRCA



Silents Under the Stars

SUNDAY

August 19

7:30pm

Classic silent movies

The Clinging Vine (1926)

Leatrice Joy stars as A.B. Allen, an assistant to a paint company president who is actually the brains of the operation. Her business sense and style get scrambled when her heart goes out to the bumbling boss's grandson, Jimmie.

Paramount Ranch

\$6 FEE. 1.5 - 2 hours. For more info: 805-370-2301

Sponsored by the National Park Service & the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc.



**Info &
Reservations:
818-591-1701 x181**

Discovery Nature Camp

August 20 – August 23, 2007

Monday - Thursday, 9am

Headwaters Corner

Children age 8-12, participate in a fun and enriching learning experience. Hike, create nature crafts and possibly interact with live animals. Topics will include reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and Native American culture. FEE. Pre-registration is required. 6 hours.

Mountains Restoration Trust

MON 8/20 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Meditations in the Mountains Heighten your awareness on these peaceful guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothing and bring bottled water. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 8/21 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Pier-to-Pier Beach Walk Join us on an 8-mile walk to Marina del Rey. Meet at parking lot north of Santa Monica Pier (free parking with Santa Monica Senior Pass). Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for brunch. Info: 310-398-6350. 4hrs SC

TUE 8/21 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Chautauqua Series Temescal Canyon was once a major center of the Chautauqua Movement, drawing many on their quests for enlightenment. Help rekindle that tradition. Meet at Temescal Dining Hall. \$5 parking fee. Info: www.LAMountains.com or 310-454-1395 x106. 1.5hrs MRCA

Free Volunteer Naturalist Training

Orientation dates:

Wednesday 8/22, 6pm to 9pm or

Saturday 8/25, 9am to noon

Date of First class:

Saturday 9/8, 9am to 4pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Center



Want to share your passion for the outdoors

with others? Learn how to effectively interpret the natural resources to park visitors then lead public programs, act as a roving interpreter, host the nature center, or lead weekday school hikes in Franklin Canyon.

Training will take place on ten consecutive Saturdays from 9am to 4pm and include information about local birds, plants, mammals, native culture and reptiles.

To sign up: call Angi Orton at 310-858-7272 x132

August

WED 8/22 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin Family Campfire
Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 8/25 8am

Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Habitat Restoration Day Help reestablish oak and willow woodlands along the creek to create habitat (community service credit). *Reservations required* 818-591-1701x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 8/25 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Enjoy the sights and sounds of birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars. No dogs. Meet in parking lot below the nature center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/25 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/25 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids ages 8 to 88 welcome! \$5 parking fee. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/25 7:30p-8:30p

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Evening Campfire Program Hear the inspirational flute music from Eric "Medicine Wind" Alvarado. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome. NPS

SAT 8/25 7:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Wild In California The *Nature of Wildworks* presents live birds, mammals and reptiles in this close encounter with local wildlife. 1hr NOWW

SUN 8/26 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Habitat Restoration Day Search out weeds that keep plants that wildlife feed on from growing in the La Sierra Preserve (community service credit). *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch. 5hrs MRT/CNPS

Fairyland by Carol Finamore Stanley,
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
2006 Winner—2nd Place, Plants Category



Spirit of the Mountains
PHOTO CONTEST
2007

Submit your entries for
the *Spirit of the Mountains*
PHOTO CONTEST from
September 1 - 30, 2007

Info: call National Park Service at
805-370-2301 or visit www.nps.gov/samo

SUN 8/26 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird-watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 8/26 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Walk On this 2-mile walk, enjoy great views, dip your toes into the bay, look for dolphins and sea lions, and observe native plant recovery after the wildfire. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 8/26 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children & Parents This is a special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Call ahead for groups of over 5 kids: 310-393-6205. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 8/26 6pm

Cold Creek Preserve
Under an August Moon Delight in sculptural silhouettes of craggy rock formations during a moderately steep but slowly-paced hike to Calabasas Peak. Meet at lower Stunt High Trailhead. 3.5hrs CCD



Romantic Full Moon Tours

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Thru November tour the Adamson House under a full moon. *FEE. 1.5 hours MLMD*

For Reservations, Date & Time: 310-456-8432

TUE 8/28 9am

Backbone Trail
Moderate Hikers/Hondo Canyon Backbone Trail Hike #3 to Fossil Ridge Join us on an 8-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain hike for 4hrs or an easy 4-mile, 1800' loss on Backbone Trail with car shuttle for 3hrs. Bring lunch and water. Call for directions: 310-454-4188. SC

TUE 8/28 7pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy meadows, hills and ocean views under the magic of moonlight. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. *Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD*

TUE 8/28 7:45pm

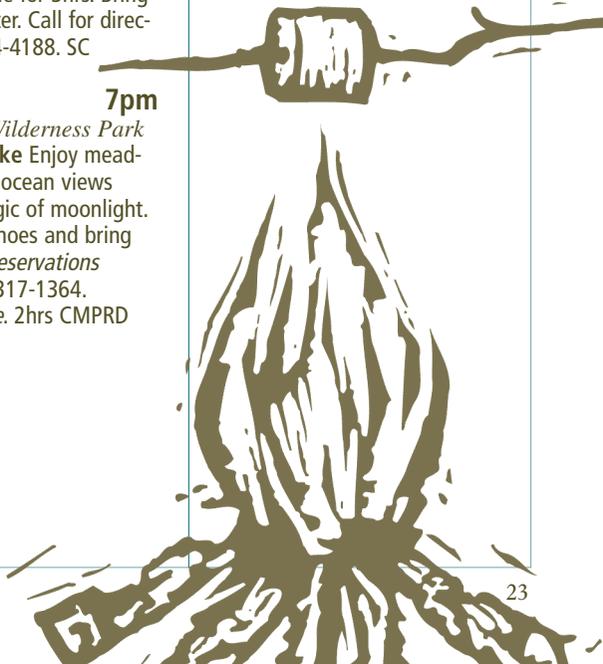
Coldwater Canyon Park
Full Moon Hike Choice of energy levels and themes for adults and children. After the hike, enjoy entertainment in the amphitheatre. Leashed dogs welcome. *Reservations required 818-753-4600 or full-moon@treepeople.org. \$5 FEE for nonmembers of TreePeople. 1.5hrs TP*

TUE 8/28 8pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike Explore the canyon by moonlight on a moderately strenuous hike. Look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy a spectacular view of the stars and city from atop the canyon trail. Lots of fun for all ages. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

WED 8/29 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin Family Campfire Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



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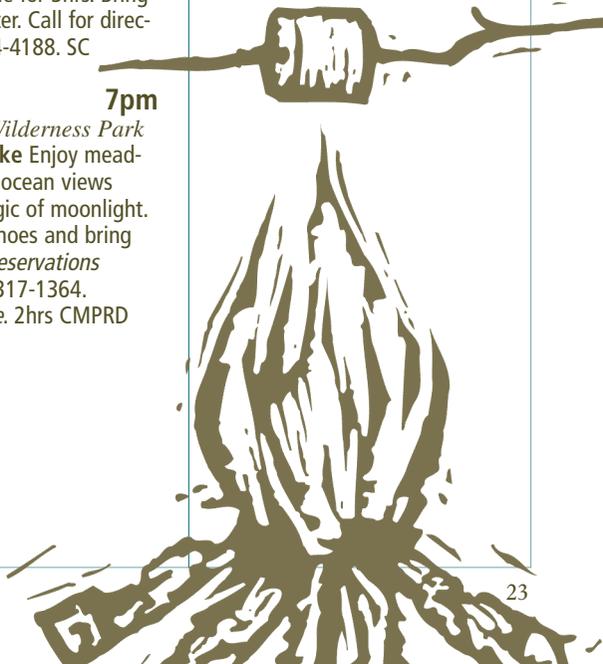
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SAT 9/1 8:30am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons
Backbone & Zuma Ridge Trails Hike Join us on a moderately-paced 10-mile, (1400' gain, 2400' loss) from Kanan-Dume Road past Buzzard's Roost to Zuma Beach with return on the free ParkLINK Shuttle. Meet at the Newton Canyon Trailhead. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-391-5004. 5hrs SC

SAT 9/1 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/1 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. *Mountain bike and helmet required. Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 9/1 10am

Point Mugu State Park
Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger or naturalist to explore some of the many wonders of Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the entrance station. Info: 805- 488-1827. 1hr CSP



Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House
Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
 For groups of 10 or more.
Reservation required:
 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
 For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am for a one-hour tour. FEE

SAT 9/1 5:30pm

Cold Creek Preserve
First Saturday in Cold Creek Valley Preserve Delight in late afternoon lights, colors and shadows in a gently rolling basin set among craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD

SAT 9/1 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Silent Night Walk Enjoy a moderate to strenuous walk and expand your wilderness awareness skills on a wordless journey. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 9/1 8pm

Leo Carrillo State Park
Campfire Program Join a ranger or special guest for a fun and informative program by the campfire! Info: 805-488-1827. 1hr CSP

SUN 9/2 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. Info: 310-455-1401 3hrs SC

SUN 9/2 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Wetland Restoration Day Remove yellow star thistle, mustard and other weeds to improve habitats in the La Sierra Preserve (community service credit). Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS

SUN 9/2 9am

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Nature Rambles Discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

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MON 9/3 10am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Junior Rangers Hey kids age 7-12! Have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program designed especially for you! Meet at the campground entrance station. Info: 805-488-1827. 1hr CSP

TUE 9/4 10am

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WED 9/5 9am

Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting All outdoor landscape painters are welcome to join fellow artists. Bring your own materials and paint or come out and watch. Info: call Soni at 818-880-5961. 4hrs TOPAW

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SAT 9/8 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/8 9am

Cold Creek Preserve
Second Saturday Flowers still bloom along this 2-mile trail that passes by artifacts of early settlers, meanders through chaparral-formed tunnels, and crosses streams. Meet at lower gate with water and snack. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 9/8 10am

Leo Carrillo State Beach
Artists' Paint-out Paint plein air seaside with shoreline and mountain vistas. Meet at parking area on ocean side of Hwy 1. Bring art supplies, water and food. Info: 310-338-0333. 3hrs AASMM



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

A Virtual Hike on the Backbone Trail

September 8
 Saturday, 2pm

National Park Service
 Visitor Center

Join experienced Backbone Trail hikers in a photographic journey of the trail with comments on its terrain, flora, history and geology. Handouts will be available on how to hike the trail on your own or with a group.
 1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

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WODOC/MRCA

SAT 9/8 **6:30pm**

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program
Children 8-12 years old will
discover the nightlife of
wildlife and why they are up
all night. Enjoy a pizza dinner
before our evening hike and
craft. *FEE. Pre-registration
required* 818-591-1701 x181.
3hrs MRT

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**Meditations in the
Mountains** Heighten your
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SUN 9/9 **10a-12p
and 1p-3p**

*Satwiwa Native American
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Free Cultural Workshop
Make your own dream catcher
using household recycled
materials with Proud Eagle.
All ages welcome. NPS

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TUE 9/11 **7pm**

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Patch Meeting** We are repris-
ing summer work and classes
and planning for the 2007-08
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and animals on a slow hike.
Bring lunch to have with fur-
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3hrs WODOC/MRCA

33rd Annual Docent Training

Topanga State Park
September 15 Saturday, 9:30am

Become a docent. Learn the local history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this gift with others.

This is the first of 10 sessions* to be held on Saturdays covering plants, mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, amphibians, Native Americans and more. *FEE*. 6 hours each class. TCD *Second session on Saturday, September 29.

Reservations required 818-758-1964



SAT 9/15 **7pm**

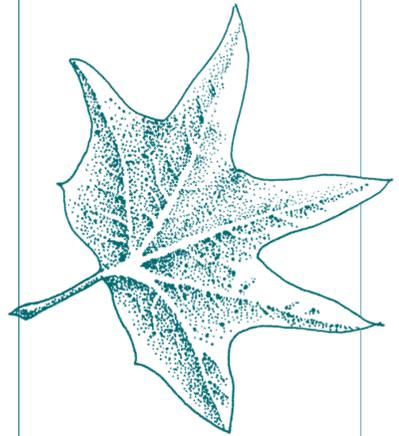
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SUN 9/16 **8am**

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 9/16 **9:30am**

Cold Creek Preserve
This is Los Angeles???
Meander along a stream-fed canyon filled with majestic oaks and sycamores while listening to nature's many voices. Meet at the preserve's lower gate. 2.5hrs CCD



In-Depth Cultural Workshop Saturday, September 15 12pm to 4pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Inspired by the movie *An Inconvenient Truth*, multimedia artist **Sharol Graves** (*Absentee Shawnee*) will be helping you create an earth-friendly reusable tote bag. Apply fabric and acrylic paints plus traditional Native American Parfleche designs to your canvas bag. Come at 12pm for a showing of *An Inconvenient Truth* and a Parfleche history lecture for inspirational ideas. \$30 suggested materials donation. Adults and children are welcome. 4+ hours.

Reservations Required: 805-375-1930

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



In-Depth Cultural Workshop Sunday, September 16

10am to 4pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Participate in a sacred gourd spiritual experience with "Little Wing" also known as **Judy DeRosa** (*Echota Cherokee*).

This session will feature an opening of the gourd ceremony to help heal and transform ourselves. Bring a lunch. Adults welcome. \$75 suggested supplies donation. 6 hours.

Reservations Required: 805-375-1930

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 9/16 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

The Faces of Franklin

Canyon Who were William Mulholland, Sooky Goldman, and other influential faces of this area? 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

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Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers/Pier-to-Pier

Beach Walk Return via canals on an 8-mile roundtrip walk to Marina del Rey. Meet at parking lot north of Santa Monica Pier (free parking with Santa Monica Senior Pass). Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for brunch. Info: 310-394-7354. 4hrs SC

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Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Morning Birds of Franklin

Canyon Enjoy the sights and sounds of birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars. No dogs. Meet in parking lot below the nature center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 9/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Rehab Work Help

maintain trails throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/22  9:30am

Paramount Ranch

From Set to Screen Illusions

and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 9/22 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Speak for the Trees Kids

ages 8 to 88 welcome! "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 9/22 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Meditations in the Mountains Heighten your awareness while connecting with the spirit of Franklin Canyon on peaceful guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothing and bring bottled water. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 9/23 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 9/23 9am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons
Butterfly Walk Learn about and enjoy the butterflies plus the flowers they seek. Meet in parking lot at the Zuma Canyon Trailhead. Binoculars helpful. 2.5hrs LANABA

SUN 9/23 10a-12p

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Ctr
Free Cultural Workshop Make your own pine needle basket with Kathryn James. NPS

SUN 9/23 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children & Parents This is a special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Call ahead for groups of over 5 kids: 310-393-6205. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 9/23 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Walk On this 2-mile walk, enjoy great views, dip your toes into the bay, look for dolphins and sea lions, and observe native plant recovery after the wildfire. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 9/23 1p-3p

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Ctr
Free Cultural Workshop Make your own pine needle basket with Kathryn James. NPS

SUN 9/23 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 9/23 5:15pm

Cold Creek Preserve
Moonrise/Sunset Walks See views of distant mountains. from high above Cold Creek and Topanga. Rock formations speak of the land's history. Meet at Top of Stunt with supper, a "goodie" to share, and water. 3hrs MRT

TUE 9/25 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Los Lions to Santa Ynez Canyon Go on an 8-mile (or 4-6 mile) 800' gain loop hike to Trippet Ranch. Meet at Santa Ynez Canyon trailhead (from PCH, east on Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile, left 2.5 miles on Palisades Dr., left on Vereda de la Montura to gate). Car shuttle. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

WED 9/26 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy meadows, hills and ocean views under the magic of moonlight. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

WED 9/26 6:45pm

Coldwater Canyon Park
Full Moon Hike Choice of energy levels and themes for adults and children. After the hike, enjoy entertainment in the amphitheatre. Leashed dogs welcome. *Reservations required* 818-753-4600 or *fullmoon@treepeople.org*. \$5 FEE for nonmembers of TreePeople. 1.5hrs TP



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Malibu Lagoon State Beach

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For Reservations, Date & Time: 310-456-8432

WED 9/26 8pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike Explore the canyon by moonlight on a moderately strenuous hike. Look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy the view of stars and city from atop the canyon trail. Lots of fun for all ages. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 9/29 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Tree Restoration/ Commemorative Oaks Remove non-native plants. Water oak tree seedlings and native bunch grasses so they can survive this drought year. Community service credit. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701x203. 3hrs CSP/MRT

SAT 9/29 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 9/29 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin Family Campfire Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 9/30 8am

Cold Creek Preserve
Creek-side Habitat Restoration Help bring back native trees and California bunch grasses (community service credit). *Reservations required* 818-591-1701x203. 3hrs MRT

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HIKING & SAFETY TIPS



Time Up by Tien Truong, *Spirit of the Mountains* Photo Contest 2006 Winner–2nd Place, Elements of Change Category

Ticks are plentiful. Some of them carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In case of a rattlesnake bite, **DO NOT** make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

Wear sturdy **footwear**—hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

Never hike alone, use the buddy system. That leaves someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

Help prevent wildfire. Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

Carry plenty of **water** and drink it. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

Note: Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

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